

SECOND DEATH AT SINK HOLE STIRS VALLEY BOROUGH

Urge Abandoned Quarry, Now
Used For Drainage,
Be Filled

Mechanicsburg, Pa., Jan. 4.—The second child to meet death at the sinkhole owned by the borough and used for drainage, in North Walnut street, occurred yesterday morning when Thelma Elizabeth, the three-and-a-half-year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel J. Vogel song, East Portland street, was found by her mother. The sinkhole is at the rear of the lot of their home.

She slipped over the edge and was lying in two feet of water on top of ice which prevented her from being submerged in the undercurrent. Life was not extinct when the body was rescued by William Hollinger, who waded five feet of water and ice and got her out with difficulty by the assistance of linemen who were working nearby.

The funeral will be held in the Church of the Brethren Thursday morning at 10 o'clock, the Rev. Jacob A. Miller in charge.

The other child who died from playing in the high grass which was on fire at the sinkhole about eight years ago was Charles, son of Isaac Stone, seven years old.

The sinkhole occupies one-half block between North Walnut and Race streets. It was an old stone quarry, is about twenty or more feet deep and usually contains stagnant water. It has practically no protection around the edge at the top, which precipitates almost directly to the rough bottom. Another stone quarry is being started within the borough limits immediately opposite in Walnut street.

It is said the sinkhole could be arched and be drained underneath so the hole could be filled at moderate expense.

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